

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

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1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	15		20	0		0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3		3	0		0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						
				Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	770.00
	If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.			SMALL ENTITY		
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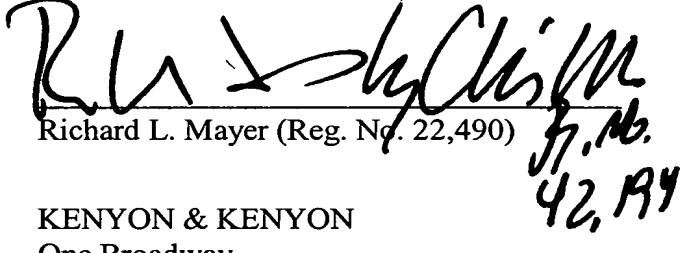
2. Please charge the required RCE and submission filing fee of **\$770.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicants respectfully request a **three -month extension of time** for responding to the Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2003, for which a three month response period expiring on July 24, 2003 was set. The three-month extended period for response expires on October 24, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) three-month extension fee of **\$950.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees, including any additional fees required, associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 24, 2003

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